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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN CANDIDACY FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME
CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO)

1. FOREIGN DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED EMBASSY BY NOTE
DATED AUGUST 10, 1973 THAT GOI HAS DECIDED TO
PRESENT ITS CANDIDACY FOR A SEAT ON THE 18 MEMBER
IMCO COUNCIL AS ONE OF THE SIX "CATEGORY C" MEMBERS.
CATEGORY C IS DEFINED TO INCLUDE MEMBERS FROM AMONG
COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT QUALIFY FOR CATEGORY A
(COUNTRIES MOST INTERESTED IN PROVIDING INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME NAVIGATIONAL SERVICES) OR CATEGORY B
(COUNTRIES MOST INTERESTED BY VIRTUE OF INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME TRADE) BUT WHICH NEVERTHELESS "HAVE SOME
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INTEREST IN MARITIME NAVIGATION SERVICES". ACCORDING

TO GOI NOTE, IMCO COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE CHOSEN AT EIGHTH SESSION OF IMCO ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN LONDON, NOVEMBER 1973, AND COUNCIL HAS GUARANTEED THAT ALL MAJOR GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WILL BE REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCIL.

2. THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS ARE PRESENTED IN GOI NOTE IN SUPPORT OF ITS CANDIDACY: QUOTE

A. INDONESIA, SITUATED BETWEEN TWO MAJOR CONTINENTS, AND CONSISTING OF THOUSANDS OF ISLANDS WITH THOUSANDS OF MILES OF COASTLINE, TAKES VERY DEEP INTEREST IN HER ROLE OF SHIPPING AND SEA BORNE TRADE, AND MARITIME PROBLEMS IN GENERAL.

B. INDONSIA IS AWARE OF THE POLLUTION OF THE SEAS AS ONE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS, AND INDONESIAN SEAS ARE VERY VULNERABLE TO MARINE POLLUTION CAUSED BY OFF SHORE OIL EXPLORATION/EXPLOITATION, THE USE OF GIANT TANKERS, AND THE TRAFFIC DENSITY IN THE MALACCA STRAITS.

C. THE OFFICIAL GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE OF INDONESIA'S NATIONAL SHIPS IS 2,269,691 DWT. THERE ARE 17 SHIPYARDS OF OVER 200 TONS CAPACITY, 8 OF THEM OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE CAPACITY OF OVER 1000 TONS. IN ADDITION THERE ARE ABOUT 131 SMALL SHIPYARDS AND DOCKS.

D. APPROPRIATE MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS TO MEET THE STANDARD OF RELIABILITY (FOR EVERY 100 MILES OF HER COASTLINE/ SEA LINE).

E. INDONESIA IS NOW POSSESSING 48 SEA-HARBOURS AND 67 COAST-HARBOURS.

F. WITH REGARD TO THE PORT AND SHIP REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS, INDONESIA HAS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM IBRD, IDA AND ADB IN THE FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENTS, BESIDES PROJECT AIDS IN THE FORM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

G. INDONESIA HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN MARITIME TRANSPORT AND NAVIGATION, AND GEOGRAPHICALLY INDONESIA IS IN A POSITION TO REPRESENT HER NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

H. INDONESIA HAS ALWAYS TAKEN PART ACTIVELY IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED NATIONS

SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE CONFERENCES HELD BY IMCO.

I. INDONESIA HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL. END QUOTE.

3. NOTE REQUESTED USG SUPPORT FOR INDONESIAN CANDIDACY ON IMCO COUNCIL. GOI OFFICIALS HAVE MENTIONED INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP ON COUNCIL IN THE PAST, IN VIEW OF INDONESIA'S POSITION AS IMPORTANT ARCHIPELAGIC ASIAN NATION WITH SIGNIFICANT MARITIME INTERESTS. POSSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP ON IMCO COUNCIL APPEARS TO HAVE STIMULATED GOI INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME MATTERS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT ON APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO GOI NOTE.
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